

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

1. (Currently amended) A panel or object ~~panel~~ construction including an inner support frame means and an outer skin at least partially enclosing said support frame means formed at least in part by at least one layer, of at least one flexible web wound about said support frame means with pressure applied by said flexible web to said support frame means at least partially overlapping a previously positioned said flexible web whereby at least some overlapping regions of a said web or webs are adhered to each other.

2. (Original) A panel or object construction according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of said layers are provided whereby at least some of said layers are adhered to at least one other said layer.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein said support frame means is a single frame element.

5. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein said support frame means includes at least two frame elements, the or each said frame element being spaced apart and wound by said flexible web or webs such that the flexible web or webs between adjacent frame elements forms a hinge means.

6. (Original) A panel or object construction according to claim 4 wherein said single frame element includes at least two parts interconnected by hinge means.

7. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein the inner support frame means is fully enclosed by said outer skin.

8. (Original) A panel or object construction according to claim 7, wherein the flexible web or webs are wound in at least two directions disposed at different angles relative to each other, preferably at substantially 90°.

9. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein the or each said flexible web is a flexible plastics film web.

10. (Original) A panel or object construction according to claim 9 wherein the or each said flexible plastics film web is a pre-stretched plastics film beyond its yield point to increase its length and decrease its thickness, the film retaining some memory.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 9 or 10~~ claim 9 wherein air is trapped and retained within said outer skin.

13.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 14~~ claim 9 wherein the flexible plastics film web or webs include self adherent characteristics, or a separate adhesive or adhesive layer is used to adhere the layers of the flexible web or webs together.

16. (Currently amended) A panel or object construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3 or any of claims 7, 9 or 10 when appended directly to one of claims 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 1 wherein the support frame means includes a perimeter substantially rigid frame formation defining a substantially open space inwardly of said perimeter rigid frame formation.

17.-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) An evaporation restrictor ~~panel~~ for restricting evaporation from a body of water including a rigid inner support frame means and an a panel according to claim 9, wherein the outer skin ~~enclosing said support frame means~~ is formed at least in part by at least one layer of at least one flexible plastics film web wound about said support frame means with pressure applied by said flexible web to said support frame means at least partially overlapping a previously positioned said flexible plastics film web whereby at least some overlapping regions of a said flexible plastics film web or webs are adhered to each other.

28. (Currently amended) A desalination apparatus ~~including a rigid inner support frame means and an outer skin~~ comprising a panel according to claim 9, wherein the inner support frame means is substantially rigid and said outer skin enclosing said inner support frame means is formed at least in part by at least one layer of at least one

flexible plastics film web wound about said support frame means at least partially overlapping a previously positioned said flexible plastics film web whereby at least some overlapping regions of a said flexible plastics film web or webs are adhered to each other, said support frame means and said outer skin defining a sealed internal zone having inlet and outlet arrangement means to introduce and remove water to be desalinated to and from said internal zone, said outer skin having at least one upper region upwardly inclined from at least one hollow zone of said support frame means, said support frame means further including water collection and drainage means to collect pure water condensed on said upwardly inclined region and deliver same to said at least one hollow zone of the support frame means.

29. (Currently amended) A container constructed from at least one panel construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 23~~ claim 1.

30. (Original) A container according to claim 29 wherein a plurality of said panel constructions are provided connected together via hinge means such that the container can be transported in a substantially flat condition and erected into said container by an end user.

31.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently amended) A wall construction element including at least one rectangular shaped panel construction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 23~~ claim 1, further including retainer means engaging and retaining at least one of opposed edges of said panel construction.

35.-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently amended) A panel construction ~~including an inner support frame means and a flexible outer skin at least partially enclosing said support frame means formed at least in part by at least one flexible web wound about said support frame means in at least partially overlapping manner whereby at least some overlapping regions of said web or webs are adhered to each other, said~~ according to claim 1, wherein the inner support frame means having has two mutually parallel first frame members spaced from one another with each said first frame member having at least one hinge zone such that the hinge zones in the spaced first frame members are arranged in at least one pair with the or each said pair defining a hinging axis about which portions of the first frame members on either side of said hinge zones can be positioned into differing relative dispositions, after having said flexible outer skin applied to said inner support frame means.

39.-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently amended) A flat panel assembly including a plurality of ~~separate substantially rigid perimeter frame formations each defining a substantially open space inwardly of said substantially rigid perimeter frame formation, panel constructions according to claim 16 arranged adjacent each other substantially in a plane and an outer envelope formed by at least one layer of a flexible plastics film web material wound about all of said frame formations to at least partially overlap a previously laid length of the flexible plastics film web material with at least some overlapping regions of said web material being adhered to one another.~~

60. (Currently amended) A flat panel assembly including a plurality of panel constructions according to ~~claim 1 or claim 7 when appended to claim 1~~ claim 1

arranged adjacent each other substantially in a plane, and at least one continuous layer adhered to one side only of said panel constructions.

61.-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Original) Apparatus for wrapping a support frame means with an outer skin formed at least in part by a plurality of layers of a flexible web wound about said support frame means, said apparatus including a first conveying means and a second conveying means, the first and the second conveying means being arranged to move the support frame means to and fro between the first and second conveying means, and a roll of said flexible web disposed between the first and the second conveying means being movable between a relatively elevated position and a relatively lowered position, the flexible web being successively positioned along a first face of the support frame means with the roll of said flexible web in the elevated position as the support frame means moves between the first and the second conveying means, whereupon, the roll of said flexible web moves to the lowered position and the flexible web is positioned along a second face of the support frame means opposite to said first face as the support frame means moves again between the first and the second conveying means.

65.-68. (Cancelled)

69. (Original) Apparatus for wrapping a support frame means with an outer skin formed at least in part by a plurality of layers of a flexible web wound about said support frame means, said apparatus including a first conveying means and a second conveying means being arranged to move the support frame means between the first and the second conveying means, and at least one roll of flexible web disposed generally

between said first and said second conveying means and disposed to orbit about said support frame means as it moves between the first and the second conveying means to lay helical windings of said flexible web onto said support means, said apparatus further including first flexible web application means to apply at least one flexible web length either below or over the helical windings in a longitudinal direction of said support frame means on opposed faces of said support frame means.

70. (Cancelled)

Please add new claims 71-77.

71. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 16 wherein an inlet means is provided enabling a liquid to be delivered to said substantially open space.

72. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 16 further including outlet means enabling a liquid to be removed from within said outer skin.

73. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 16 wherein a region of said outer skin forms an inclined surface leading upwardly and inwardly from a section of said perimeter rigid frame.

74. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 73 including multiple said inclined surfaces each leading upwardly and inwardly from a separate said section of said perimeter rigid frame.

75. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 73 wherein the outer skin forming a base region of said panel or object construction spanning a zone within said perimeter rigid frame is coloured black or is darkly opaque.

76. (New) A panel or object construction according to claim 73 wherein the outer skin forming the or each said inclined surface is clear or highly translucent.